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PLACEMENTS DOWN 6%

For the week ending May 17, 2008, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 6.5% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) decreased 5.8% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 2.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending May 10, 2008 compared to 10.9 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/22/2008	14,193	14,058	11,459	11,916	11,754	12,024
03/29/2008	14,291	14,274	11,641	11,761	11,744	11,976
04/05/2008	14,380	14,459	11,647	12,097	11,840	12,396
04/12/2008	14,499	14,077	11,715	11,882	11,948	12,099
04/19/2008	14,273	14,115	11,804	11,949	12,133	12,141
04/26/2008	14,250	13,214	11,823	11,959	12,015	12,068
05/03/2008	14,143	13,800	12,029	11,784	12,121	11,987
05/10/2008	14,207	14,077	11,870	11,883	12,018	12,327
05/17/2008	14,146	13,781	11,866	11,179	12,000	11,225

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	05/24/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.95	82.02	74.76	79.95
12-City Composite 2/	80.78	81.76	78.78	81.76

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,687	31,966	*32,212	31,637	31,858	32,089
AR	27,171	26,532	27,071	27,317	*26,611	27,150
DE	4,027	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718	3,726
FL	1,413	1,327	*1,331	1,346	1,336	1,331
GA	34,137	34,651	33,997	34,630	*34,053	34,854
KY	7,899	7,925	*7,255	8,034	8,124	8,125
LA	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650
MD	8,779	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840	8,791
MS	18,879	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060
NC	19,617	19,533	*19,475	19,355	*19,631	19,711
OK	6,580	*6,578	*6,353	6,655	*6,782	6,859
PA	4,318	4,400	4,193	4,188	*4,323	4,266
SC	5,611	5,554	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718
TX	15,588	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477
VA	6,174	5,791	6,211	6,369	5,939	6,427
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,333	19,966	*19,700	*19,641	*19,640	20,205
19 State Total	215,925	*214,825	*213,219	*213,710	*213,797	217,439
Previous Year Total	219,385	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,928
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	98	98	97	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 17, 2008. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 12 2008	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,303	21,674	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200
AR	23,233	22,047	23,316	23,873	*22,589	22,624
DE	4,804	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746	4,625
FL	1,333	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138
GA	28,232	28,784	29,038	27,781	*28,571	28,094
KY	*5,953	*6,467	*6,793	6,730	6,248	5,434
LA	3,726	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634
MD	6,095	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021	5,337
MS	17,375	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383
NC	15,997	15,649	16,128	16,510	*16,014	16,120
OK	5,632	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430	5,395
PA	*3,352	*3,277	*3,254	*3,243	*3,272	3,318
SC	4,776	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997
TX	13,022	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859
VA	5,720	5,021	4,767	4,860	4,077	5,302
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,060	18,201	18,143	*17,050	*18,442	18,014
19 State Total	*177,613	*177,156	*178,217	*177,542	*176,605	175,474
Previous Year Total	177,312	177,686	180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	99	99	98	98

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 17, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 17, 2008 were 3.56 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.